Subject No. 143.

Kumsi Sub-Taluk to be treated as Malnad for Forest purposes.

Summary of disscussion.—All the four Maganis of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk are Malnad in their character. They should be treated accordingly for purposes of Raiyats' Forest rights and privileges.

Dewan's reply.—The needful in this matter has been ordered.

Subject No. 144.

Charcoal licenses.

Summary of discussion.—At present raiyats are required to take out licenses to cut bamboos for charcoal to be used in making agricultural implements. This system entails unnecessary trouble on Sarkar servants and causes great delay in raiyats getting the licenses. The restriction should be withdrawn.

Dewan's reply.—The charcoal license rules are clear and liberal enough. They cannot be altered. Where they are not adhered to, representation should be made by petition and the same will be investigated.

Subject No. 145.

Taluk Treasury required at Kumsi.

Summary of discussion.—There being no Treasury in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk, Patels are required to take their remittances to Shimoga. There is thick forest between the two places and Patels have little or no escort. A treasury remittance from Nagar was once looted by dacoits. It is therefore requested that a Treasury may be opened at Kumsi.

Dewan's reply.—This is not possible at present.

Subject No. 146.

Incidence of House-tax on Art-workers.

Summary of discussion—The Mohaturfa tax is now levied on houses, shops, oil-mills, carts and looms. The present system of levying house-tax is objectionable in one respect. House-tax is levied from all artizans in the town on the value of their houses irrespective of their income. Goldsmiths and sandalwood carvers, for example, earn a good income, and in paying a house-tax only, contribute to the exchequer comparatively less than others. Such should be taxed according to their income.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. An income tax in Mysore is uncalled for and inexpedient.

Subject No. 147.

Udri market.

Summary of discussion.—A weekly fair is held every Friday in the Udri village, about 5 miles from Sorab. There is no Police Station at this place. It is not even a meeting place for Police patrols. The weekly fair here should be abolished, the one at Sorab being sufficient for all purposes.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will inquire. But, as a rule, it is not desirable to close a large and long standing market.

Subject No. 148.

Double taxation under Octroi on piece goods.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi duty on piece goods may be levied only by a single Municipality and not by every Municipalty to which the same goods are taken. Mr. Advocate Ramanna made a similar representation on behalf of Seringapatam Municipality.